



Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	8 May 2015 Severe Weather Event SITREP
Date	05/11/20/15
Time	0700
Operational Period	05/10/15 – 05/11/15
Report Number	4

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
DDCs Active	4, 6

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

In response to severe weather conditions and to coordinate a rapid and effective response, the State Operations Center (SOC) increased its level of response to Level II – Escalated Response Conditions effective at 7:00 AM (CDT) Friday May 8th, 2015. State Emergency Management Council have sent state agency and volunteer agency representatives to the SOC to support resource requests. The SOC conducted a severe weather conference call with the National Weather Service Offices and state agency representatives at 10:00 AM (CDT) this morning.

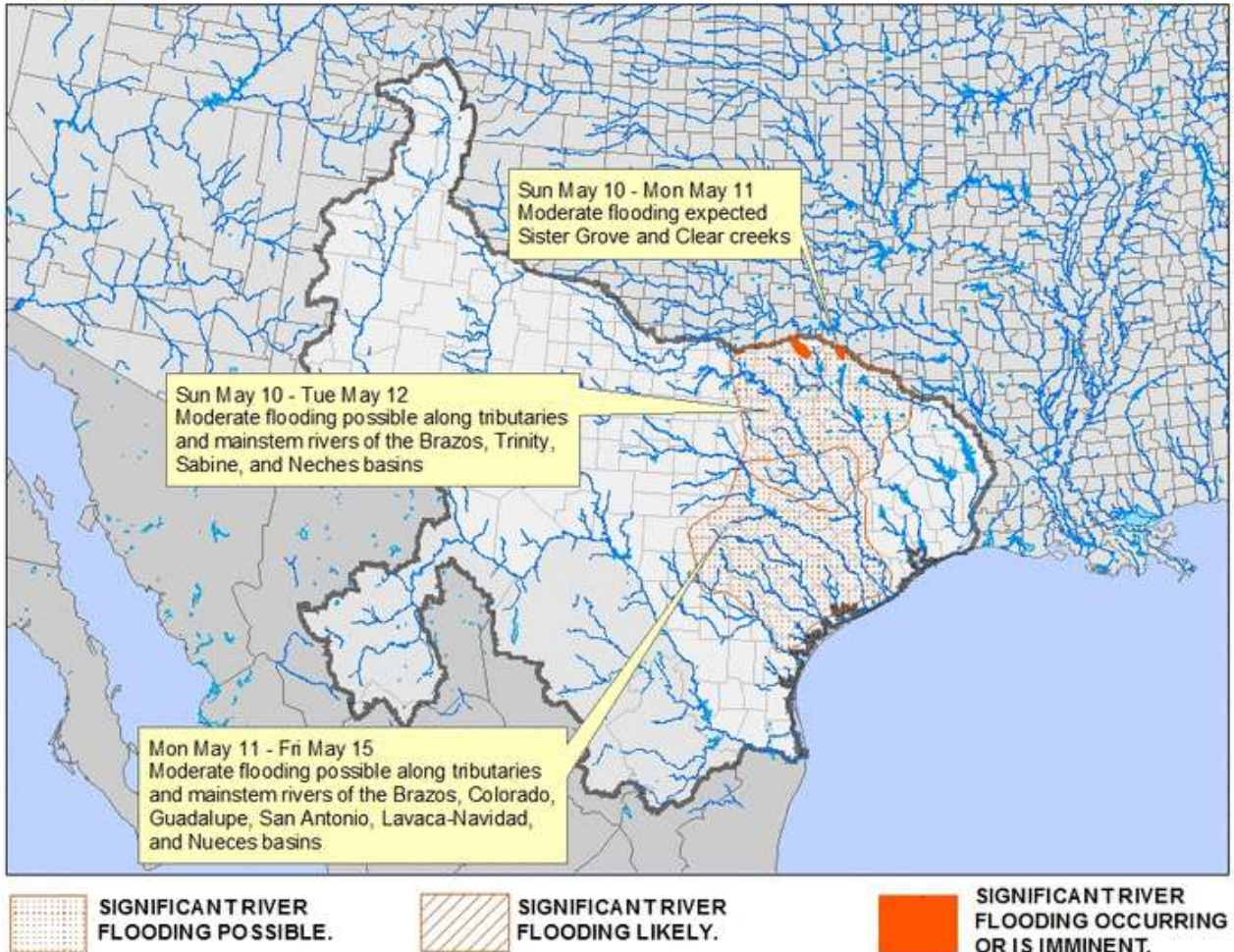
Little has changed in the overall weather pattern as showers and thunderstorms will remain in the forecast for most of Texas through the week. Locally heavy rainfall and severe weather over North Central Texas has shifted south and east toward Central and East Texas. Areas around Corsicana received more than 8 to 10 inches of rainfall from thunderstorms late Sunday/early Monday. Significant river responses were noted over the Navasota River and the Trinity River Basin downstream of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. With locally heavy rainfall earlier in the weekend north and west of the DFW Metro area, many streams and rivers in the Trinity Basin and the Brazos River Basin are above flood stage.



Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 5/10/2015 - 5/15/2015

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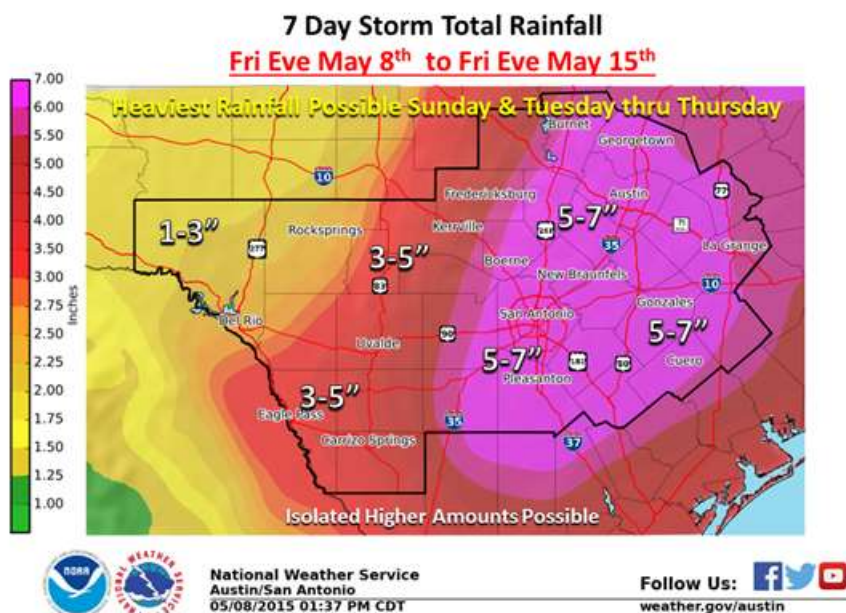


Significant River Flooding Impacts include:
Roads adversely affected. Residential,
commercial, industrial, and/or agricultural
areas affected. May require evacuation of people.

NOTE: Flash Flooding or Minor River Flooding
will NOT be included in this outlook.

National Weather Service Office (NWSO) Houston/Galveston has forecast isolated thunderstorms will be possible across southeast Texas. There is a potential for an isolated strong storm to produce gusty winds, small hail and locally heavy rainfall across counties north of Houston metro.

National Weather Service Office (NWSO) Austin/San Antonio has forecasted the risk for severe thunderstorms capable of producing large hail and damaging winds. Storms will form in the vicinity of a cold front across the area. There is a chance for locally heavy rainfall leading to flash flooding. One to three inches of rain with isolated amounts to five are possible. The most likely area for heavy rain will be southeast of a line from Burnet to Kerrville to Pearsall.



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, 22)

DDC 4 – Garland (Includes Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties)

Ellis County: Ellis County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) has reported the following damages: City of Avalon reports 4-5 homes received flooding damage. The water has receded.

City of Bardwell reports downed trees and power lines throughout the city. One home has received major roof damage.

Minor flooding has been reported in the Cities of Ennis and Italy. All families that were displaced area staying with family/friends. No shelters have been activated.

DDC 4 Hurst (Includes Wise, Denton, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Hood, Erath, Johnson and Somervell Counties)

Denton County: Numerous Swift Water Rescues occurred in the City of Krum. Disaster District Hurst has activated to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) and is co-located with Denton County EOC. A Disaster Declaration has been submitted.

Johnson County: County Road (CR) 1109A and CR 1106 are closed due to flooding. CR 1204 and CR 1205 have been closed as a precaution.

Tarrant County: Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field Airport have cancelled approximately 200 flights.

Wise County: A Disaster Summary Outline has been submitted for Wise County due to a tornado and flooding that has impacted 15 mobile homes. One injury was been reported. FMs 1655 and 2265 are closed with barricades set up by by Texas Department of Transportation.

DDC 4 Garland: (Includes Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufmann and Navarro Counties)

Collin County : City of Celina is experiencing flooding due to 2 creeks that have overflowed their banks. 10 homes have been evacuated at this time with the possibility of 40-50 more requiring evacuation if the water continues to rise. ARC is assisting with sheltering the displaced residents. No request for State assistance has been requested at this time.

DDC 6 Tyler: (Includes Rains, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Wood, Smith, Cherokee, Camp, Upshur, Gregg, Rusk, Marion, Harrison and Panola Counties)

Henderson County: Flooding on State Highway (SH) 175 near Eustace and SH 31 near Malakoff and Trinidad was reported. Eustace Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) is worked on moving residents from Hahn bottoms. One ambulance was reported to be flooded. Many homes have been affected due to the heavy rain.

Van Zandt County: A tornado touched down in the City of Van, Van Zandt County at approximately 10 PM Sunday evening. Multiple injuries (26) occurred as a result and the patients were transported by ambulance to local area hospitals in Tyler. Power lines were downed and trees uprooted along the tornado's path. IH 20 was closed due to tractor trailers overturned but later reopened. A gas leak in the city of Van was shut off precluding an evacuation. A unknown number of homes have been reported to have sustained major damage along with the reports of damage to the Elementary School and bus barn. A shelter was opened in the city of Van at the 1st Baptist Church. Torrential rains caused widespread flooding limiting travel on roadways. Damage assessments will begin later this morning,

DDC 22 Sherman (Includes Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

Cooke County: FM 51 and FM 336 have areas that are reportedly completely underwater near Interstate Highway (IH) 35. The Cooke County EOC is coordinating multiple water rescues with

the use of: Gainesville Fire Department (FD) Swift Water Rescue Boats and Engines; County Fire Department High Profile Vehicles; and have coordinated with the county's Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) Game Wardens for additional boats to be in reserve. The Cooke County EOC is currently activated.

Grayson County: Grayson County EOC is activated. A tornado touchdown occurred, with eight homes receiving minor damages. Flooding- closed US 377 Business near Whitesboro, closed US Highway 69 near Denison. Multiple County Roads (CR) were flooded and many had spots washed away completely.

Region 4 (Includes DDCs 8, 9, 10)

DDC 9 Midland (Includes Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Winkler, Ector, Glasscock and Midland Counties)

Gaines County: The new pump provided by Texas Department of Transportation arrived Friday, May 8th. Storage and distribution of donated goods is being coordinated through the local ISD in Seagraves. Cash donations are being accepted at the local bank. Approximately 20 people were served dinner at the shelter last night, and local officials have elected to discontinue the service and donate the remaining food to those affected. The American Red Cross is continuing to supply cleaning kits and have completed the damage assessment this afternoon.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, 7)

DDC 3 Wichita Falls (Includes Hardeman, Wilbarger, Wichita, Cottle, Foard, Clay, Montague, Baylor, Archer, and Young and Jack Counties)

Archer County: One fatality reported at Lake Wichita. Archer County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the fatality to determine if the fatality is weather related. There are no unmet needs at this time.

Clay County: Approximately 40 County Roads have sustained water damage. Two homes are affected and one has minor damages. A Disaster Declaration and request letter has been submitted. County Commissioners will continue to update the DSO as water recedes.

Wichita County: An estimated 300 customers in Electra lost power due to transmission lines being damaged from the wind. Southwest Rural Electric has repaired the lines and power has been restored. Wichita County/Wichita Falls provided a 125Kw generator to power one of the communications sites for the fire department and law enforcement. The waste water plant was down temporarily due to high water overwhelming the pumps. Three pumps are currently damaged, yet the plant is operational.

Ten homes have sustained minor to moderate damage due to the severe weather. There are no displaced homeowners. One apartment building sustained fire damage and two persons were transported to the hospital. No other renters were displaced.

Several electric poles from Co-op and Non Co-op electric companies have been damaged.

DDC 7 Abilene (Includes Knox, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Runnels, Coleman, Brown and Comanche Counties)

Eastland County: A tornado was reported in the City of Cisco. The tornado was accompanied by hail, ranging in size from golf ball to baseball-sized. One fatality and three injuries have been reported five homes have been confirmed destroyed. Numerous structures have been damaged and there are reports of downed power lines and trees that are blocking several county roads and state roadways. State and County personnel are working to clear those areas. Approximately 80% of Eastland is without power. AEP is working on clearing the downed power lines and restoring power. Extremely heavy rainfall hampered response efforts and has created a concern for flooding. DPS helicopter will fly storm trace later this morning to get a better assessment of damage.

Another tornado touchdown was reported near the Leon River in Eastland County. There were no injuries or damages.

An Incident Command Post with Unified Command has been established at the Cisco Fire Department. There is a potential for flooding due to the continuing heavy rainfall. Partner agencies are on stand-by to assist with possible swift water rescue, search and rescue or to provide other support as needed. Victims who were displaced have relocated to family member's homes and there are no shelters activated. The American Red Cross has personnel in place to assist with shelter operations if needed.

Local Volunteer Fire Departments and Texas Forest Service equipment continue to work on clearing roadways. An EOC has not been established and all operations are being handled through the Incident Command Post.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 18, and 17)

DDC 11/23 – Waco (Includes Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Bosque County: A tornado touchdown occurred near FM-22 & FM-933, and moved into Hill County. Widespread storm damage and localized flooding was reported. Numerous roads closed due to high water and/or debris, including FM-219 and FM 56. Approximately 3,000 are without electricity in the Cities of Meridian and Clifton. Utility companies are working to restore power. TXDOT assisted with roadway debris removal and roadway barricades. Bosque County EOC is activated.

Hill County: Hill County EMC has reported that there has been localized flooding due to the heavy rains that moved through the area Saturday. Damage assessments will be conducted Sunday. A previously unstable portion of a cliff overlooking Lake Whitney has separated and fallen into the lake.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX):

Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) is standing-by for resource requests. TX-TF1 has 8 Helicopter Search & Rescue Technicians (HSART) and 1 HSART LNO supporting 2 TxMF UH-60s Rotary wing aircrafts from Martindale which are staged in Grand Prairie. Two additional UH-60s are staffed and available in Austin. Four (4) State of Texas Swift Water Rescue Squads with rostered crews on alert with the following agencies: Austin Fire (1), San Antonio Fire, STRAC and Washington County EMS. Three (3) Swift Water Rescue Squads have been activated. Denton has been activated in place. Fort Worth has been moved to the Denton County Armory and one (1) Austin squad has moved to Fort Worth. One Swift Water Rescue Manager has been activated as well and moved to Denton County. A Type-I USAR team is rostered at this time for possible mission assignments.

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): All TXDPS Majors have been briefed and are monitoring the situation. Highway Patrol Troopers are ready to assist where needed.

Three SAR helicopters (1 hoist, 2 short haul) are available for the SOC. One in San Antonio (hoist), One in Houston (short haul) and One in Austin (short haul). A TXDPS recon aircraft will be flying to the North Texas region at 0800.

Two Highway Patrol Sergeants and Twelve Troopers were sent to Van to assist with search and rescue (SAR).

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS and All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) personnel have been notified that the SOC is activated to support response activities related to tornadoes, heavy rains and flooding. At this time, no requests have been made for TFS or AHIMT assets. All TFS crews and personnel in Eastland County have been demobed. TFS personnel have been activated for DDC 4 Hurst. TFS is awaiting daylight to determine any needs in the city of Van.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD): Four (4) Game Wardens responded yesterday and conducted several flood related rescues in Denton County. One (1) Game Warden conducted several flood related rescues in Cooke County. Two (2) Game Warden Captains, Fifteen (15) Game Wardens and one (1) K-9 responded to Van to assist with SAR efforts in Van Zandt County. They brought a trailer with rescue and extrication equipment. Three (3) additional K-9 units are responding this morning to Van to assist with SAR. One (1) mobile communications trailer is on standby to deploy if needed. One (1) SAR was conducted for two (2) missing people on the Brazos River, they were located without incident. Park visitors at Meridian and Whitney State Parks were advised of to seek shelter due to tornado warnings. Various roads are closed due to flooding at Mineral Wells State Park.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location	Notification Time Required
Trucks	20	20	Assigned	Van Zandt	On Scene
Trailer	1	0	Assigned	Van Zandt	On Scene
K-9	1	1	Assigned	Van Zandt	On Scene
K-9	3	3	En Route	Van Zandt	3 hours
Trailer	1	2	Activated	Van Zandt	3-5 hours
Boats	19	42	Activated	DFW Area	Immediate

SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	DFW Area	Immediate
Boats	12	27	Activated	Panhandle	Immediate
SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	Panhandle	Immediate
SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	Guadalupe	Immediate
SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	Kerr	Immediate

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

Cooke County:

The City of Valley View Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) reported that there was a power outage to the WWTP which caused a diversion of wastewater into an onsite retention pond. No wastewater was discharged offsite. The power has been restored to the WWTP, and the plant is back to normal operating conditions.

The City of Gainesville is isolating parts of the plant to prevent a washout. The city also states that the receiving stream is 2 feet from overflowing the banks, into the WWTP.

Era WSC is reporting that a lightning strike may have damaged a service pump, causing a loss of pressure. The water system is working on repairing the service pump to return the system back to normal operating condition.

Approximately 13 railcars and four locomotives derailed from a BNSF train in Cooke County. DFW Emergency Response staff made contact on-site with EPA and BSNF. The railcars were only hauling goods, including paints, soaps, food products, etc. The four locomotives had between 4,000 - 6,000 gallons of diesel each; two of the locomotives are leaking diesel and hydraulic fluid and the amounts for the other two are unknown. Earthen berms were made around the locomotives to hold spill. Released material also contained in a low-lying area near the derailment site. Emergency response contractors have been hired for clean-up activities. DFW Emergency Response staff will return to the derailment site 05/11/15 to confirm cleanup status and monitor potential water impacts, including Lake Ray Roberts.

Dallas County:

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is reporting a 225,000 gallon SSO from the Spring Creek lift station in Richardson. NTMWD is preparing a public notification for the media and have notified the cities of Richardson, Garland, and Dallas. City of Dallas personnel and Garland Health Department were on site observing the creek and did not see any environmental impacts.

Denton County:

The City of Sanger is reporting a 50,000 gallons SSO from their WWTP, which has been contained on site, however, the SSO is still ongoing. The WWTP did not lose power at any time.

Wise County:

The City of Rhome WWTP is reporting a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) of 15,000 gallons of sludge/influent due to the aeration basin overflowing.

The City of Boyd WWTP is reporting a washout of their entire treatment plant and sludge has entered the creek and into the Trinity River. The city will continue to monitor downstream of the WWTP.

Coyote Ridge Addition is reporting that the well is down due to storm. The water system has an emergency interconnection with a nearby water system and is currently being supplied with water. The well company is on site to repair the well.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): Crews are currently working multiple flooded roadways. The major concerns are Interstate Highway (IH) 20 in Van Zandt County and IH 45 in Navarro County. IH20 is currently open but traffic is moving slowly due to overturned trucks and vehicles. Digital motorist signs have been changed to normal operations. Statewide crews are on standby or working localized flooded areas and debris clean up.

Texas Military Forces (TxMF): A Ground Support Package (GSP) is stationed in Denton at the National Guard Armory. The GSP was activated to assist with rescues near the city of Krum. 2 missions were completed consisting of 7 vehicles and 16 soldiers. An Air Support Package (ASP) is stationed in Grand Prairie. 2 aircrafts flew a total of 4.4 flight hours during two separate rescue missions. An ASP is stationed at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) and will resume operations at 0600.

American Red Cross (ARC): ARC is in contact with contact with local Emergency Management in the following counties to offer Red Cross assistance, gain and share situational awareness and determine the accessibility of impacted areas and the safety conditions before sending Red Cross workers to the affected areas: Eastland, Erath, Parker, Tarrant, Hood, Johnson, Dallas, Grayson, Cooke, Denton, Montague, Wise, Collin, Wilbarger, Archer, Wichita, Reeves and Hill. In response to flooding in Krum (Cooke County), a number of individuals were airlifted from their homes via helicopter. To support clients impacted by the flooding, the Red Cross has opened a shelter in Denton. Impacted residents in areas such as Bowie, Rhome, Van Alstyne, Electra, Cisco and other affected communities have had families to stay with. By late afternoon we had been in contact with approximately 40 families in area and we will be distributing supplies and completing DA as soon as it is safe.

Civil Air Patrol- U.S. Air Force Auxiliary (CAP): Eight fixed wing aircraft are available across the state. (Weather dependent)

Public Utilities Commission (PUC): Oncor has approximately 5,400 customers are without power.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): DSHS is manifesting the State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) personnel for weekend activation (currently on standby). DSHS will have a representative at the SOC 24/7. They are gaining situational awareness in the affected area (Health Service Region 2/3) and tracking incident costs. There are no unmet needs at this time. There is a DSHS ESF-8 representative at the SOC as of 2330 hours on 05/10/2015. An AMBUS from EMTF-4 (Palestine) responded to an incident in Van Zandt County. A Medical Incident Support Team (MIST), AMBUS (EMTF-2 Dallas) and an Ambulance Strike Team (AST) (EMTF-2 Dallas) are staging in the city of Canton. A total of 26 patients have been transported to hospitals in Tyler.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): Health and Human Services Commission along with 2-1-1 is monitoring the situation. HHSC has 3 personnel at the SOC.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind & Type	Quantity	Number of Personnel	Status	Resource Location
TPWD	Flat-bottom Boats	9	22	On Standby	Dallas-Fort Worth
TPWD	Patrol Boats	9		On standby for immediate release	Dallas-Fort Worth
TPWD	Rescue Boats	10	20	Available w/in 2 hours arrival time	Dallas-Fort Worth
TPWD	SAR Team	1	3	Pre-deployed & staged	Dallas-Fort Worth & Garland areas
TPWD	Rescue Boats (shallow-draft)	7	17	On standby for immediate release	Southern Panhandle area
TPWD	Rescue Boats	5	10	Available w/in 2 hours arrival time	Southern Panhandle area
TPWD	SAR Team	1	3	Pre-deployed & staged	Wichita Falls area
TPWD	SAR Team	2	6	Pre-deployed	DFW Metroplex and Wichita Falls
TPWD	Rescue Boats	2	6	Pre-positioned	Guadalupe County and Kerr County
TEEX/TTF1	Swift Water Rescue Boats and Crews			Identified	Gainseville, Denton, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio Fire Depts., STRAC; and Washington County EMS
TEEX/TTF1	Type I USAR Team	1	TDB	Being Manifested	TBD
TMF	Blackhawks w/hoist capability	4	6	Activated	2 in Austin; 2 in Grand Prairie
TMF	High Profile Vehicles(Ground Support Packages)	12	26	Activated	Denton National Guard Armory

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) increased its activation level to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) effective at 7:00 AM (CDT) Friday May 8th, 2015. The SOC held a severe weather event conference call with the National Weather Service and State agency representatives at 10:00 AM (CDT) yesterday morning. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)

Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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